



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 04.03.2021

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR.SANJIB BANERJEE, THE CHIEF JUSTICE
and**

THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE R.HEMALATHA

W.P. (MD) No.4413 of 2021

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N.Kothandaraman

... Petitioner

-vs-

1.The Secretary,
Department of Highways,
Secretariat,
Chennai - 9.

2.The Secretary,
Department of Rural Development and Minor Ports,
Panchayat Raj,
St. George Fort,
Chennai - 9.

3.The Chief Engineer (Highways),
NABARD and Village Roads,
No.76, First Floor,
Sardarpatal Road,
Guindy,
Chennai - 25.

4.The District Collector,
Ramanathapuram District,
Ramanathapuram.

5.The Block Development Officer (Village Panchayat),
Panchayat Union Office,
Nainarkovil,
Ramanathapuram District.

6.The Chief Engineer,
Department of Highways,
Near Government Hospital,
Ramanathapuram,
Ramanathapuram District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to withdraw the Panchayat Road (Karadaranthakudi to Thavalaikulam Road, extent of 4 Kms) at Ramanathapuram District, from the fifth respondent to change the classification in Highways Road to hand



over to the third respondent based on the petitioner's representation, dated 15.12.2020.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Muthusamy

For Respondents : Mr.K.P.Krishnadoss
Special Government Pleader

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[Order of the Court was made by The Hon'ble CHIEF JUSTICE]

This is a matter where the petitioner seeks a village road to be exalted to a highway.

2.These are matters where the Court must not interfere and leave the decision to the appropriate local bodies and policy-makers. There is no doubt that every village wants to be connected by roads and wants the national highway to go by it, but these are not matters where the Court should force any decision without taking into consideration the myriad other factors including the expenses, that go into such decision-making process.

3.It will be upto the petitioner to convince the respondent authorities to undertake the work that the petitioner desires. The Court cannot be of any assistance to the petitioner.

4.W.P.(MD)No.4413 of 2021 is dismissed. There will be no order as to costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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+1 CC to Mr.P.MUTHUSAMY, Advocate (SR-9097[F] dated 05/03/2021)

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